
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7767](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC5236/1} (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to reference its registration certificate and not its title. It would also change the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7519](#)

BY Messier, Fellela, Donovan, Speakman, J Lombardi, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Cassar, McEntee, Slater

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC4534/1} (Adds two sections to the constitution/guarantees residents adequate education permitting learning at high levels, become lifelong learners, productive workers and responsible citizens/makes rights guaranteed under the constitution judicially enforceable.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7584](#)

BY Newberry, Amore, Place, Edwards, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING ACT {LC4192/1} (Creates a redistricting commission to act every ten (10) years to adopt a redistricting plan for all general assembly and congressional districts that would require the approval of the general assembly and the governor.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7585](#)

(by request)

BY Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS {LC4759/1} (Seeks to eliminate all state requirements and involvement in internal political party operations and workings.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7730](#)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Felix, Morales, Alzate, Perez, Batista, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE {LC3232/1} (Requires those appointing committee members to the advisory committee of the child advocate's office to use diversity as a criteria in making the appointments and requires committee meet twice annually and report to General Assembly yearly.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7736](#)

BY Cassar, Morales, Kazarian, Alzate, J Lombardi, Kislak, Barros, Knight, Williams, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER AND DISABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT ACT {LC4845/1} (Requires the general assembly to provide race, ethnicity and gender impact statements as to all legislation, addressing the disproportionate impact of the legislation on people of color and gender.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7737](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, S Lima, Morales, Batista, McEntee, Cassar, Speakman, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC4179/1} (Requires the office of diversity, equity and opportunity (ODEO) to create and for all state and municipal employees to receive annual training in cultural competency.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7738](#)

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC5277/1} (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7739](#)

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS {LC5368/1} (Prohibits the operation of private detention facilities and private public partnerships within the state and prohibits the housing of Rhode Island prisoners in other states as well as hold out-of-state prisoners in Rhode Island facilities.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7740](#)

BY Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Ajello, Kislak, Morales, Hull, Abney, Felix, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC4297/1} (Directs the department of corrections to collect information from individuals entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7741](#)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Felix, Ajello, Alzate, Tobon, Handy, Morales, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT {LC3993/1} (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Such information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state, to be utilized for redistricting.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7746](#)

BY Williams, Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HISTORIAN LAUREATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4009/1} (Reduces the appoint the historian laureate from a five (5) year term to a three (3) year term, and requires the historian laureate to develop and implement programs about pertinent aspects of Rhode Island history.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7747](#)

BY Williams, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT {LC3987/1} (Prohibits the transfer of any compassion center license to any other owner or location and provides that new compassion center licenses issued by way of lottery be issued only to the location and ownership approved in the application.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7749](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT {LC5102/1} (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee, and also repeals the provision that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee would be subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7820](#)

BY Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC4988/1} (Composition of siting board increased, inclusion and participation of public in affected cities and towns is mandated.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7826](#)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK {LC3699/1} (Requires all applicants for employment with the department of BHDDH or any of its licensed facilities or programs to have the attorney general's office conduct their mandated nationwide criminal records check.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7976](#)

BY Casey, Chippendale, Noret, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL {LC5459/1} (Provides certain parties may not enter onto property where a fire occurred for solicitation or inspection of a fire loss, without the permission of the owner or occupant, until the property is released to the owners or occupants.)

03/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8036](#)

BY Alzate, Batista, Giraldo, Cassar, Henries, Amore, Felix, Carson, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT {LC5552/1} (Requires the department of environmental management to create environmental justice areas.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8042](#)

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXPLOSIVES {LC5502/1} (Requires two weeks' notice to all abutters within five hundred feet of the commencement of any blasting operations.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8066](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Shanley, Williams, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Alzate, Bennett, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT {LC5637/1} (State websites to comply with WCAG 2.1 standards by July 1, 2027.)

03/30/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseStateGovernmentandElections@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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